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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE - BILATERAL CONSUL-
TATIONS ON UN REMOTE SENSING NEGOTIATIONS

REFERENCE: STATE 086576

1. WE BELIEVE THAT THE VISIT OF A TEAM AS SUGGESTED
REFTEL WOULD BE USEFUL TO BOTH THE MISSION STAFF AND
THE GOP.

2. THE GOP HAS CHARGED SUPARCO (PAKISTAN SPACE AND
UPPER REGIONS RESEARCH COUNCIL) WITH OVERALL COORDI-
NATING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE USE OF REMOTE SENSING
DATA. SITUATED IN KARACHI, SUPARCO HAS HAD A FAIRLY
LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH NASA WHEREBY IT HAS
PARTICIPATED IN NASA EXPERIMENTS PARTICULARLY IN
CONNECTION WITH THE WEATHER SATELLITE PROGRAM. SUPARCO
IS ALSO CARRYING OUT A NUMBER OF PROJECTS IN COORPERA-
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TION WITH NASA USING ERTS DATA. OTHER AGENCIES

USING ERTS MATERIAL ARE THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF
PAKISTAN WHICH IS USING IT FOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS IN
BALUCHISTAN, THE NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD WHICH
IS ENDEAVORING TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT TO USE ERTS DATA FOR
POPPY PRODUC-
TION ESTIMATES, AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WHICH
IS USING ERTS DATA FOR WHEAT PRODUCTION.

3. WE THINK THAT A VISIT IN MAY WOULD POSE NO PROB-
LEMS IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH HIGH OFFICIALS
IN MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FINANCE MINISTRY (EAD),
SUPARCO, ETC. WHEN WE RECEIVE YOUR ETA WE WILL
ARRANGE THE OPPOINTMENTS AND PUT AN AGENDA TOGETHER.
SINCE THESE APPOINTMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE ARRANGED IN
DIFFERENT CITIES THE TEAM SHOULD PLAN TO SPEND FOUR
DAYS (MINIMUM THREE) IN PAKISTAN SO AS TO ALLOW FOR
ABOUT TWO DAYS IN ISLAMABAD AND ONE DAY EACH IN
KARACHI AND LAHORE.
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